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FIBRE OPTIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM DESIGN GUIDES –

Part 4: Accommodation and utilization of non-linear effects

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61282, which is a technical report, is intended to describe physically and analytically non-linear effects in fibre optic systems, their impact on system performance, and ways of minimizing the effects or using them to advantage. It contains some of ITU-T Recommendation G.663 [1] ¹ with additional material. More details on applications are considered in [2] and networks in [3].

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60793-1 (all parts), *Optical fibres – Part 1: Measurement methods and test procedures*

IEC 60793-2 (all parts), *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications*

IEC/TR 61292-3, *Optical amplifiers – Part 3: Classification, characteristics and applications*

3 Abbreviations and symbols

3.1 Abbreviations

BER	bit-error ratio
DCF	dispersion compensating fibre
DWDM	dense wavelength division multiplexing/demultiplexing
EDFA	erbium-doped fibre amplifier
FWHM	full width at half-maximum
FWM	four-wave mixing
FPM	four-photon mixing
IL	insertion loss
MI	modulation instability
OA	optical amplifier
OFA	optical fibre amplifier
ORL	optical return loss
OTDR	optical time-domain reflectometer
PDC	passive dispersion compensator
PDL	polarization dependent loss

¹ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.